

Darien Beautification Commission
July 13, 2009
Minutes

Members Present: Schutte, Kirchen, Eliot, Ryan, McGrath, Meinerth, Baker, Olmsted, Drimal

1. Financial Review-fiscal year 2009 closed on June 30. Watering and maintenance expenses were down in 2009, leaving funds for the purchase of 2200 bulbs to be planted in the fall and additional hanging baskets. Still need to determine where bulbs will be planted and by whom.
2. Complete Design update-Pots outside Town Hall were planted and annuals were planted in some adopt-a-gardens. For the short term, winter greens and pansies in spring will be planted in the pots. Need long term plan for pots.
3. Elementary School Beautification Partnership (to be called Youth Group Beautification Partnership in the future to include Cub Scouts and other non-school groups)- Middle School students were involved in spring clean up (Earth Day activity). The 8th grade environmental group "Green Team" cleaned up the Noroton Heights railroad area and have made it a permanent activity for this group. Plan to get Hindley School PTO involved in cleaning up in that school area, especially the stone wall covered in poison ivy. Cub Scouts worked at the Senior Center.
4. Some progress has been made in updating the BC website, but some members' term dates are not correct.
5. Signage update-Bob Baker has appealed to the Board of Selectman to contact the five realtor offices in town, encouraging them to follow town sign regulations.
6. Priorities for BC-Meeting in September will focus on setting future priorities for the BC (in addition to hanging baskets, adopt-a-gardens and spots, graveyard maintenance, and spring and fall cleanups). Plan to discuss Noroton Heights area and the berm at the Darien Rail Station.